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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Tue 1/21/2014 11:45:07 PM
Subject: RE: Sen. Rockefeller call - redux

We'll get there, Fran!

~Mark

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Mark:

Thanks for compliment. **Ex. 5 - Deliberative**

Fran

From: Ferrell, Mark
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To: Burns, Francis; Arguto, William; Snyder, Raquel; Melvin, Karen
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Due to severe weather today, we were short staffed for our scheduled update call with staff in Sen. Rockefeller's office. I

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In the meantime, here are issues that must be addressed.

Sen. Rockefeller is asking:

1) Specific language clarifying the EPA's statutory authority in incidences like the chemical spill in Charleston, West Virginia.

2) Any area's within EPA's statutory authority that need to be strengthened in order for EPA to carry out it's mission more quickly and effectively.

3) Has EPA had any direct interaction with the manufacturer (Eastman) of the chemical (Crude MCHM) and if so, what have we discovered? If not, why not?

4) Is Crude MCHM a surficant? An alcohol? A long chain polymer? Will it cling to pipes and pvc plumbing in homes?

5) What is EPA's role in the oversight of large water treatment plants like West Virginia American Water?

6) What are EPA's responses to Rockefeller's original letter to EPA/CDC requesting collaboration on long term health studies? (letter attached)

a) What has EPA already done pursuant to this request to date?

b) What is EPA doing at the moment pursuant to this request?

c) What goals have you identified?

d) What timeframes has EPA established?

7) The WVDEP plans to submit a site specific assessment grant proposal for the spill site (Freedom Industries). What are the grant's requirements, is the site eligible, what guidance/recommendations can EPA provide?

I'd like to schedule some time for Thursday morning to discuss where we are with our responses.

thanks

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